

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Nelson

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☐ left the attached for your approval. These are the questions Harrington asked and attached are the proposed answers. Neither Cary nor Shackley have any problems. They would like to get this to State soonest.

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P. S. I am to get these back to ☐ once you have seen.

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6. What U. S. intelligence activities, if any, were conducted in <sup>OR FROM</sup> or over off the shores of Cambodia subsequent to the Khmer Rouge take over in April 1975, and prior to the seizure of the Mayaguez? Were any such activities known to have been detected or terminated by Cambodia?

7. What covert actions, if any, were undertaken by the U. S., either directly or indirectly, to disrupt, destabilize, or otherwise interfere in the internal affairs of Cambodia subsequent to Khmer Rouge take over in April 1975, and prior to the ~~seizure~~ seizure of the Mayaguez? Were any such activities known to have been detected or terminated by Cambodia? If so, and if known, in what manner were they detected or terminated?

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Answer to Question #6

The Mayaguez was not a "spy ship." It was not engaged in ~~any~~ intelligence activities. ~~Of course~~ the U.S. is continually gathering intelligence on a world-wide basis. ~~The thrust of question #6 appears to be directed~~ <sup>However,</sup> <sup>CONCERNED</sup> ~~at the~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~question~~ of whether U.S. intelligence activities might have been a provocation for the action taken by a Cambodian vessel in siezing the Mayaguez. No such activities were conducted in or on or from off the shores of Cambodia within the time period specified.

State's answer to No. 7

We know of no such activity. We understand, further,  
that <sup>IF</sup> any covert action <sup>HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN IT</sup> would have been reported to the Committee in  
conformance with section 32<sup>662</sup> of the Foreign Assistance Act, as amended. <sup>OF 1961</sup>